

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:
Date of Meeting: August 26, 2014
Place of Meeting: Barbara Lee Senior Center, Room 140

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barbara Ebright called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Karen Adams, Mary Banick, Barbara Ebright, Melba Holliday, Deborah Langley, Denny Weisgerber, Patrick Yung

Commissioner Absent: Estrella Gilana, Jae Wi

Alternates Present: Jenny Berryhill

Alternates Absent: Willy Wong

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Jose Esteves

Staff Present: Dale Flunoy, Acting Recreation Supervisor
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Coordinator

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Jenny Berryhill seated for Estrella Gilana

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chairperson Ebright led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda of the August 26, 2014 Senior Advisory Commission.
M/S: Weisgerber/Holliday. Ayes: Unanimous

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Senior Advisory.
M/S: Weisgerber/Langley. Ayes: Unanimous

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the Financial Reports distributed at the meeting, for the period of June-July 31, 2014. The starting balance in June was \$5,240.90, the revenues totaled

\$314.75 and the expenses totaled \$202.24, leaving an ending balance of \$5,353.41 (an increase of \$112.51)

MOTION: To approve the Financial Reports ending May 31, 2014.

M/S: Weisgerber/Holliday. Ayes: Unanimous

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Marini (1635 Cortez St, Milpitas) announced the Milpitas Library was holding a Candidates Forum on Saturday, September 13, 1:00-5:00 pm.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Update from Police Department:

Police Chief Pangelian referred to the recent Napa Earthquake as a good reminder for being prepared for one's own safety during a disaster. He recommended people be able to sustain themselves by having supplies on hand to last until help can arrive (i.e. food, medications, wind-up radio, flashlights and batteries). He also recommended people keep a pair of shoes next to their beds to protect their feet from broken glass if something happens while sleeping. He stated the City's Office of Emergency Services has information on being prepared.

Chief Pangelian also announced Milpitas Police Department hired its first Sikh police officer, Officer Jaskirat Singh. There are very few Sikh officers in California and he will wear his turban and beard while in uniform.

He also gave a Crime Tip to the Commission. There have been many recent residential burglaries where people will go to homes and keep the resident busy in the back yard/back of the house while a second person goes into the home and takes items. He added that if someone goes to a house, the resident should make it known that he/she is home even if he/she does not answer the door. If a resident did not call for a service (i.e. PG&E) and a service tech is at the door, the resident should call the company and verify the service. Can also call the Police Department and request an officer to go to the house.

b. Milpitas Recreation Services Programs:

Acting Recreation Supervisor Dale Flunoy announced the following Recreation Services events taking place in the next few months:

- Registration for Recreation Services' Fall programs began that day
- The Veterans Commission's Car Show is Saturday, October 18 in the Civic Center parking lot
- Pumpkins in the Park with the Rotary Club is Sunday, October 26 at the Sports Center Football Field
- Veterans Day Ceremony is Tuesday, November 11 at 9:00 am
- Tree Lighting Ceremony is Monday, December 1, 7:00 pm

Commissioner Weisgerber added the Veterans Commission would be announcing this year's Veteran of the Year at the Veterans Day Ceremony. He added that applications were available with a deadline of October 3.

Mayor Esteves asked if there were any proceeds from the Pumpkins in the Park and what do the proceeds benefit. Acting Supervisor Flunoy responded any proceeds Recreation Services receives from the event would benefit the R.A.P. program.

c. Commissioner Updates/Sharing:

Commissioners Ebright and Holliday announced they attended a "Scam" workshop the previous day and would distribute the handouts via email in the next few days. They would be attending the Senior Scams later that afternoon (August 26) at the Milpitas Library and a Senior Summit on August 27 at the Milpitas Senior Center. They also distributed a flyer on a mobile app "My Milpitas".

Commissioner Adams mentioned she was asked about having the room darker during Afternoon Movies (Room 140/141). Also she commented the Brain Health presentation the other month was really good.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

J. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Subcommittee Update – Staff Dale Flunoy, Acting Recreation Supervisor

Acting Supervisor Flunoy gave an update of the status of the Subcommittees, which were formed to work on the goals of the Commission's 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Volunteers/Fundraising:

Commissioners Ebright, Adams, Banick, Gilana (Holliday alternate). Met July 29 and recommended clarifying the volunteer requirements in the Commission's By-Laws to include a recommendation that commissioners volunteer 36 hours per year, outside of normal SAC meetings, to work on subcommittee projects and/or Senior Center projects/programs. Staff also recommended eliminating the Treasurer position since the Commission no longer has their own bank account. Subcommittee will also work on a script/process for recruiting donations and specific list of needs that will be provided to staff.

Motion: Approve the Subcommittee's recommended By-Laws language changes and to forward it to City Council for approval.

M/S: Weisgerber/Holliday. Ayes: Unanimous

Health and Wellness:

Commissioners Weisgerber, Ebright and Holliday met August 1 and discussed the possibility of holding a Health Fair in May 2015. The members are also working on

creating a Resource Room at the Senior Center to display pamphlets/flyers on services and resources for older adults. Subcommittee requested approval from the Commission to move forward with a Health Fair and that the entire commission would assist with the event, either with the planning of it or helping at the event.

Mayor Esteves stated he has resources of physicians from Stanford who might be available for presentations at the Health Fair.

Motion: Approve the Health & Wellness Subcommittee to continue to work with Senior Center staff to work on planning a 2015 Health Fair (possibly in May) and all SAC Commissioners would assist.

M/S: Weisgerber/Yung. Ayes: Unanimous.

Senior Resources:

Commissioners Yung, Wi and Berryhill met on Friday, July 25 and discussed the creation of a resources pamphlet to promote senior discounts and services. They also met Chamber of Commerce representatives on August 4 to discuss ways to contact Milpitas businesses and find out about services/discounts offered for older adults.

K. STAFF, CITY COUNCIL & LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Senior Center Activities Reports – Staff Dale Flunoy
 - Trips, Presentations & Events – Recreation Services Supervisor Flunoy reviewed the Senior Center Program/Event Highlights that was included in the Agenda packet.
2. Senior Nutrition Program – Staff Dale Flunoy
 - June 2014: Meals Served 1,671 (80 daily average)
Outreach lunch Riders: 93 one-way trips
 - July 2014: Meals Served 1,871 (85 daily average)
Outreach lunch Riders: 103 one-way trips
3. City Council Report – Mayor Jose Esteves
Mayor Esteves reported:
 - Willy Wong was recently appointed as Alternate #2 for the Senior Advisory Commission
 - Milpitas was recently ranked #6 as the Happiest City in California
 - Milpitas was recently ranked #6 as Solar wise (solar friendly) in California
 - Milpitas recently received AAA rating (highest rating available for a city)
 - The City was working with the School District so it could build a new school (City bought land with RDA funds for \$41 million and offered MUSD the opportunity to purchase 12 acres of it for a public school and park) and the City was discussing the site plan for developing the school and park
 - City approved putting “In God We Trust” signage in City buildings

Commissioner Holliday asked why it takes several years to build/design a school. Mayor Esteves responded many processes were needed but the City and School want to do it in the shortest plan as possible. Commissioner Holliday asked if the old Murphy School could be reconverted into an elementary school. Mayor Esteves answered the school needs to be located where the houses are being built. The School District would be making the decision of what type of school would be built and so far it seems as if the higher need would be an elementary or middle school.

4. Sourcewise – Vice Chair Melba Holliday

Vice Chair Holliday reported the following:

- A retreat was held the previous day with the Sourcewise representatives and they discussed what Sourcewise was and where they get their funding
- Discussed OAA (Older Americans Act)
- Looking for volunteers to fill the 2 open positions on the CSL (California Senior Legislature)

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Follow up information from Mayor Esteves regarding the Stanford Physicals group.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014, at 1:30 pm, at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Recording Secretary